

# KWMS Panther Paws

October 20th, 2023

## Message from the Principal

This week kicked off the second 9 weeks for the semester. Progress reports have been posted and can be accessed through Infinite Campus. The end of the week brought us parent/teacher conferences. For those that were able to attend conferences, we appreciate you taking the time to meet with us. I hope that your conferences were able to provide you with some valuable insight into your child's progress in school. If you were unable to meet, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teachers to check in on their progress. We look forward to our continued partnership throughout the remainder of the school year. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child or their classroom, please do not hesitate to contact that teacher. Open communication should be occurring throughout the year, not just during parent teacher conferences.



Parents, we also need your help with some behavioral things we are starting to see more and more. Our Assistant Principals took two full days to meet with all the students to go through the behavior expectations around Cell Phones, Smart Watches, Tardies and basic kindness to each other. I will be sharing more specifics on these behavior expectations in the coming week but please feel free to ask your student what was presented to them this week. As always, this work is a partnership between home and school. Only together can we help to ensure a safe learning environment for all of our children.

Thank You

Lisa Olsem ~ Principals

**¡Somos Kenyon Woods y soñamos en grande!  
WE ARE KENYON WOODS AND WE DREAM BIG**

**To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also DREAM; not only plan, but also BELIEVE!**

**~ Anatole France**

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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS TO OUR PANTHERS!

As part of Kenyon Woods' MTSS Tier 1 system, we are having a school-wide celebration on October 27th to celebrate our attendance for first quarter. The goal was to reach a 91% attendance rate and our amazing students crushed it! We reached a 93% attendance rate for this quarter. Way to go Panthers!! We will be celebrating with team competitions and time to recognize our sports teams and clubs.

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## THE BLUE MONKEY TEAM HEADS TO THE ZOO!



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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR KWMS STUDENT'S OF THE MONTH

Congrats to all the Students of the Month!!! Each month one student is chosen from each of the different departments as their Student of the Month. These students exemplify what it means to Live the Kenyon Way. Teachers are looking for students who are kind, take initiative, go above and

beyond in their classes, students who help others in need and students who have positive attitudes.

**They Respect Others and Act Responsibly each and every day.**

**Congratulations to these students for being chosen as the Student of the Month for October!!**

Anabelle Chmielak  
Emmitt O'Brien  
Alexis Albergo-Serna  
Khadija Farooqui  
Leona Najjar  
Camryn Boyd  
Tegan Arias  
Kadence Edwards  
Isabella Balsamo  
Rhianna Mohammed  
Addyson McGuire  
Parker Dillenbeck  
Sofia Rotella

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***CONGRATS TO THE KENYON WOODS CHOIR ON AN AWESOME  
CONCERT TUESDAY EVENING!***



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**HALLOWEEN TIDBITS!**

**NO SHARING OF BUSESSES** – Due to the number of students we have on each bus, students are only allowed to ride on their designated bus. Please do not send your student in with a note asking to ride home with another student.

**COSTUMES** – Costumes are allowed at school on Halloween. There are a few requirements though.

- No Masks or hoods that hide your face
- No WEAPONS OF ANY KIND
- No face paint
- Outfits must be school appropriate and meet the dress guidelines for the school.



## WEBINAR: EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING FOR ALL AGES

The Specialized Student Services Community Advisory Council (CAC) is hosting a virtual presentation on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 7:00pm via zoom. The topic is: Executive Functioning: Preparing Your Child for Independence at All Ages.

### Special Education Virtual Program Series: 2023 – 2024



### Executive Functioning: Preparing Your Child for Independence at All Ages

**Presenter: Joey Williams, M.S., Ph.D Candidate**  
**Advanced Behavioral Solutions, LLC**

Improving Executive Functioning (i.e., problem solving, planning, and decision making) has been shown to have a significant positive impact on a person's mental health and their overall ability to successfully navigate social, emotional, academic, and daily life skills.

In this presentation, Advanced Behavioral Solutions will provide you with helpful day-to-day strategies for promoting your child's overall success by building their ability to manage their actions and choices independently. We will teach you simple techniques and small changes you can make in your daily interactions with your children that will increase their executive functioning and prepare them for their best life.

**Tuesday, October 24, 2023 @ 7:00 PM**

<https://info.u-46.org/CACSpedOct>



This program will be presented in English with Spanish interpretation.



Hosted by:  
The Community Advisory Council and School District U-46  
For more information about the CAC, visit [www.u46cac.org](http://www.u46cac.org)

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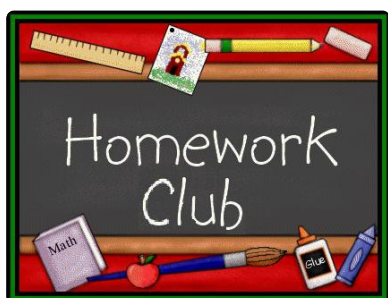


## WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Fallfest is just around the corner and we need your support. Student Council and PTO are asking for a few donations and Parent Volunteers for the 2023 FALL FEST on **Friday, October 27, 2023 @ 6:00pm**.

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. You are welcome to sign up for more than 1 slot. [Kenyon Wood Fall Fest 2023 Sign Ups](#)

Please drop off all donations to the Main Office before Thursday, October 26.



### **HOMEWORK CLUB IS BACK!**

Starting Thursday, October 26th, students are welcome to stay after school for Homework Club. Homework club provides a quiet, structured place to catch up on missing assignments, prioritize work, and receive guidance from Ms. Ventrella and Ms. Guzman. We will meet in room A106 from 3:30pm-5:00pm every Thursday starting on October 19th.

### **CULTURE FEST IN COMING SOON!**

All 7th grade students will be participating in the Culture Fest on Thursday, November 16 from 3:30-6:00 pm. Parents are invited to the presentations from 4:30-6:00 pm.

We are collecting \$4.00 for the tri fold posters which students must use. (This is a great deal since these boards sell for almost \$10 at retail price.) Please send the \$4.00 cash with your child to their social studies teacher. Money is due October 17.



Please refer to the letter sent home from social studies last week for more details.

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## ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK NOW!

Please purchase your yearbook by clicking on this link

<https://www.vipis.com/group/f58a5727/kenyon-woods-middle-school->

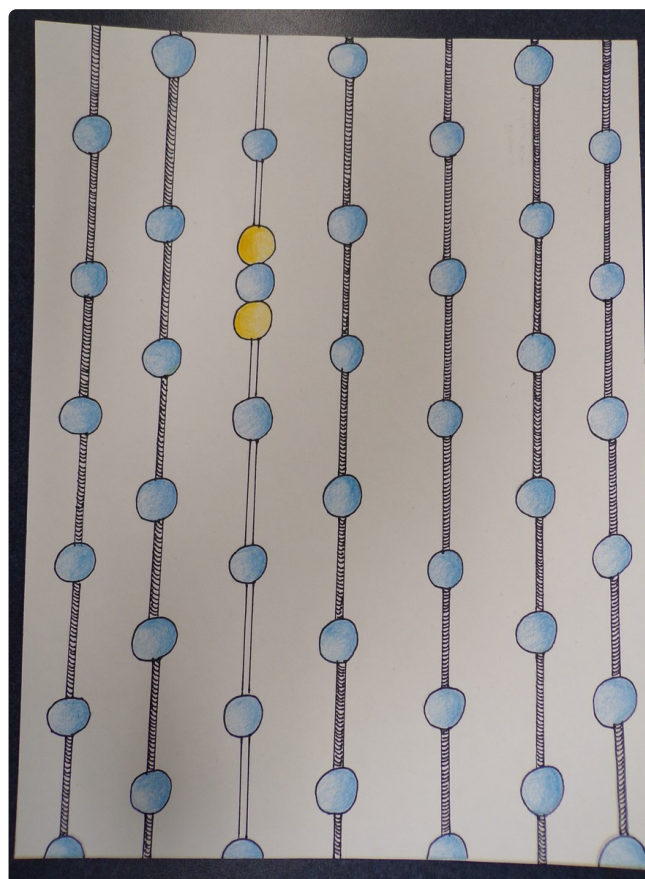
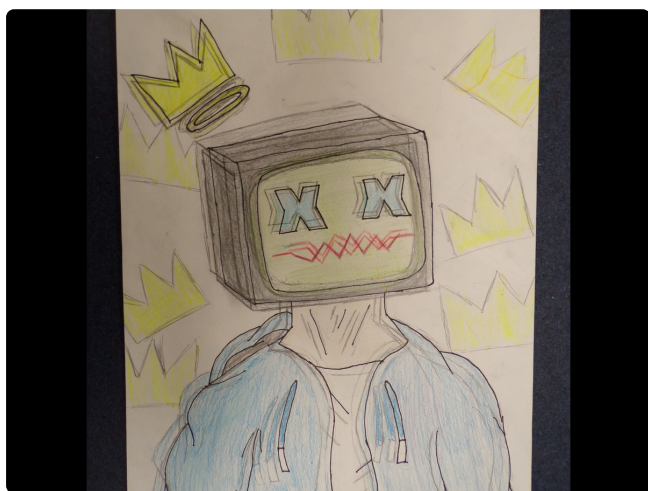


Note that you purchase your yearbook on-line and will be given to your student at school in May. Please get your yearbooks now before the price goes up.

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## FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS

Art 1 students finished learning about the Principles of Design this week. They studied all seven of them and then picked their favorite to create a unique piece of art that illustrated its meaning. Here are **Byron Martinez's** example of the Principle of Design *MOVEMENT*, and **Dishti Patel's** example of the Principle of Design *EMPHASIS*.



**CLICK HERE FOR A COPY OF THIS MONTHS CAFETERIA MENU**

## IMPORTANT DATES

10/27/23 - Fallfest 2023 - 6 pm  
10/30/23 - Boy's Basketball vs Ellis - Home  
11/6/23 - Boy's Basketball vs. Larsen - Away  
11/8/23 - Boy's Basketball vs Abbott - Home  
11/13/23 - Boy's Basketball vs Eastview - Away  
11/13/23 - PTO Mtg via Zoom - 6:30 pm  
11/15/23 - Boy's Basketball vs Tefft - Home  
11/16/23 - Culture Fest - 3:30 - 6:00 pm  
11/22 - 11/24 - No School - Thanksgiving Break  
11/28/23 - Boy's Basketball vs Canton - Away  
11/29/23 - Boy's Basketball vs Eastview - Home  
11/30/23 - Orchestra Concert - 6 pm @ SEHS

**Link to all 2023/24 KWMS Panther Newsletters**



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